

Robotics

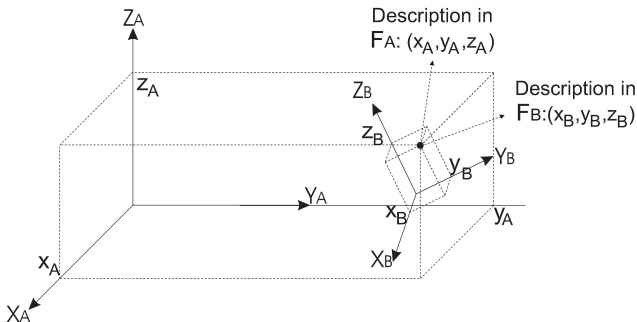
(Course viewgraphs)

João Silva Sequeira¹

¹joao.silva.sequeira@tecnico.ulisboa.pt

Winter P2, 2024-2025

Basic math for robot manipulators (and not only)



Notation used in this course

$${}^A P = (x_A, y_A, z_A)$$

Point in the 3D cartesian space \mathcal{F}_A

$${}^A T_B$$

Transformation between coordinate systems \mathcal{F}_B and \mathcal{F}_A

$${}^A P = {}^A T_B {}^B P$$

Point ${}^A P$ is obtained from point ${}^B P$ through the transformation between reference frames \mathcal{F}_B e \mathcal{F}_A

Coordinate systems in \mathbb{R}^3

Coordinate system

\Leftrightarrow

Set of 3 linearly independent vectors, that is, a base of \mathbb{R}^3 (only orthonormal basis are used in this course)

- A generic basis ${}^A X_B = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} \\ r_{21} \\ r_{31} \end{bmatrix}$ ${}^A Y_B = \begin{bmatrix} r_{12} \\ r_{22} \\ r_{32} \end{bmatrix}$ ${}^A Z_B = \begin{bmatrix} r_{13} \\ r_{23} \\ r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ contains the description of the 3 coordinate axis of frame \mathcal{F}_B in frame \mathcal{F}_A

- Given the vector ${}^B P = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}$ (in frame \mathcal{F}_B), the linear combination

$${}^A P = \alpha {}^A X_B + \beta {}^A Y_B + \gamma {}^A Z_B, \quad \text{yields vector } {}^B P \text{ in frame } A$$

- Note that for ${}^B P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, ${}^B P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, ${}^B P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ one obtains, ${}^A X_B$, ${}^A Y_B$ e ${}^A Z_B$, respectively

- Note: the origin of the two frames is the same

Coordinate systems in \mathbb{R}^3

In matrix form ${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} {}^B P$ and, in compact form,

$${}^A P = {}^A_B R {}^B P$$

${}^A_B R$ is named rotation matrix

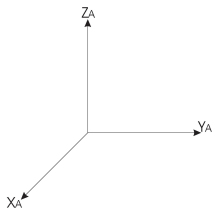
Interpretation as rotation between
frames \mathcal{F}_A and \mathcal{F}_B

Matrix ${}^A_B R$ transforms points in
 \mathcal{F}_B into points in \mathcal{F}_A

Interpretation as rotating a vector in \mathcal{F}_A

Matrix ${}^A_B R$ applies a rotation to a free
vector in \mathcal{F}_A , yielding a new vector,
also described in \mathcal{F}_A , but rotated rel-
ative to the first vector.

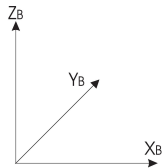
Rotations in \mathbb{R}^3 - Examples



(a) Frame A

→ rotation of 90° →
(around Z_A)
← rotation of -90° ←
(around Z_B)

(b)



(c) Frame B

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}^B_A R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotations in \mathbb{R}^3 - Examples

Example: Consider vector ${}^A P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and the product

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The resulting vector in \mathcal{F}_A , is rotated by $+90^\circ$ relative to the first vector

Conclusion: Product ${}_B^A R {}^A P$ yields a vector rotated relative to ${}^A P$

Structure of a rotation matrix

Given a column vector $\begin{bmatrix} r_{i,j} \\ r_{i+1,j} \\ r_{i+2,j} \end{bmatrix}$ in a rotation matrix

$r_{i,j} \rightarrow$ projection along X_A

$r_{i+1,j} \rightarrow$ projection along Y_A

$r_{i+2,j} \rightarrow$ projection along Z_A

The "projection along ..." operator corresponds to the dot product

$$r_{i,j} = \langle X_B, X_A \rangle \equiv X_B \cdot X_A$$

$$r_{i+1,j} = \langle X_B, Y_A \rangle \equiv X_B \cdot Y_A$$

$$r_{i+2,j} = \langle X_B, Z_A \rangle \equiv X_B \cdot Z_A$$

\downarrow

\downarrow

Both notations are common to represent the dot product

Structure of a rotation matrix

The rotation matrix can be written

$${}^A_B R = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A X_B & {}^A Y_B & {}^A Z_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_B \cdot X_A & Y_B \cdot X_A & Z_B \cdot X_A \\ X_B \cdot Y_A & Y_B \cdot Y_A & Z_B \cdot Y_A \\ X_B \cdot Z_A & Y_B \cdot Z_A & Z_B \cdot Z_A \end{bmatrix}$$

Assuming $X_A, X_B, Y_A, Y_B, Z_A, Z_B$ unit vectors (normed basis) then the dot products in ${}^A_B R$ represent the cosines of the angles formed by the vectors



The columns in ${}^A_B R$ describe the axis of frame B in frame A

What about the lines ?

Structure of a rotation matrix

Using the cosine representation

$$\left({}^A_B R \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} X_B \cdot X_A & X_B \cdot Y_A & X_B \cdot Z_A \\ Y_B \cdot X_A & Y_B \cdot Y_A & Y_B \cdot Z_A \\ Z_B \cdot X_A & Z_B \cdot Y_A & Z_B \cdot Z_A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_A \cdot X_B & Y_A \cdot X_B & Z_A \cdot X_B \\ X_A \cdot Y_B & Y_A \cdot Y_B & Z_A \cdot Y_B \\ X_A \cdot Z_B & Y_A \cdot Z_B & Z_A \cdot Z_B \end{bmatrix} = {}^B_A R$$

The rotation ${}^A_B R^{-1}$ inverts the rotation.

Clearly

$${}^B_A R \equiv {}^A_B R^{-1} \equiv {}^A_B R^T$$

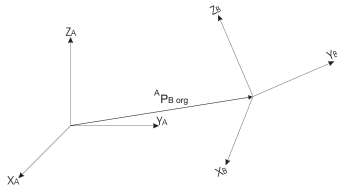
Transformation between frames I

- Rotation between frames given by

$${}^A_B R$$

- Translation between frames given by

$${}^A P_{B \text{ org}}$$

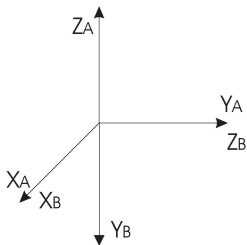


$${}^A P = {}^A_B R {}^B P + {}^A P_{B \text{ org}}$$

Using a compact representation

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{bmatrix} {}^A P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & = & \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & {}^A P_{B \text{ org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Homogeneous transformation}} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \text{Point in} & & \text{Point in} \\
 \text{homogeneous} & & \text{homogeneous} \\
 \text{coordinates} & & \text{coordinates}
 \end{array}$$

Transformation between frames - Examples



Using the cosine representation

$$X_B \cdot X_A = 1 \quad Y_B \cdot X_A = 0 \quad Z_B \cdot X_A = 0$$

$$X_B \cdot Y_A = 0 \quad Y_B \cdot Y_A = 0 \quad Z_B \cdot Y_A = 1$$

$$X_B \cdot Z_A = 0 \quad Y_B \cdot Z_A = -1 \quad Z_B \cdot Z_A = 0$$

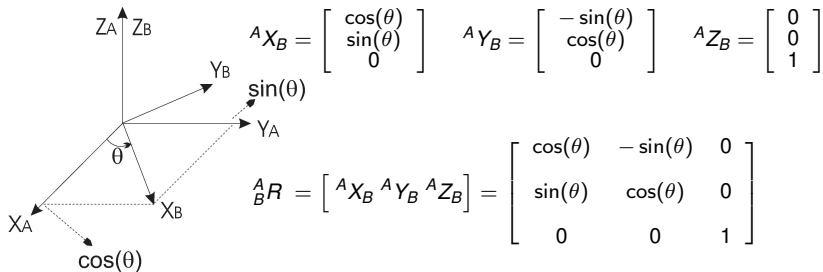
\mathcal{F}_B is rotated by $-\pi/2$

relative to \mathcal{F}_A around

axis X_A

and hence ${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Transformation between frames – Examples



\mathcal{F}_B is rotated by θ relative
to \mathcal{F}_A , around axis Z_A

and hence

$${}^A_B T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Composition of transformations

Since the following relations

hold

$${}^B P = {}^B C T {}^C P$$

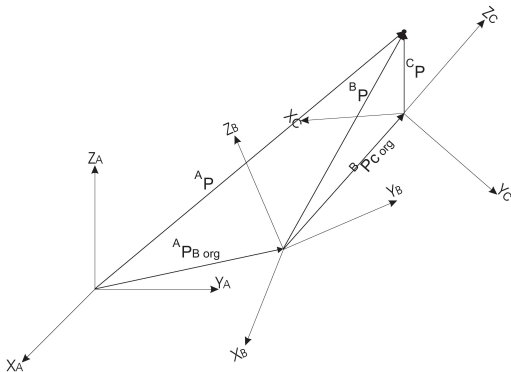
$${}^A P = {}^A B T {}^B P$$

then

$${}^A P = {}^A B T {}^B C T {}^C P$$

and hence

$${}^A C T = {}^A B T {}^B C T$$

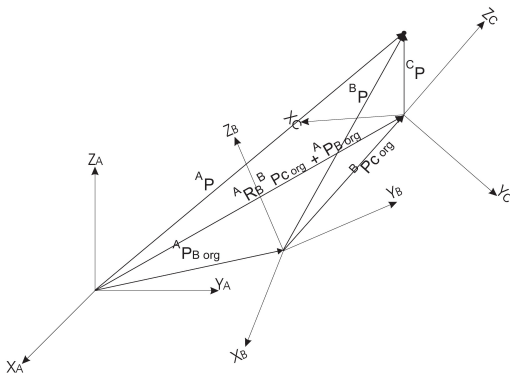


Given ${}^C P$ one wants to determine ${}^A P$

Structure of the composed transformation

$${}^A_C T = {}^A_B T {}^B_C T$$

$${}^A_C T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R & {}^A P_{B \text{ org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_C R & {}^B P_{C \text{ org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R {}^B_C R & {}^A_B R {}^B P_{C \text{ org}} + {}^A P_{B \text{ org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Inverting a transformation - ${}^B_A T = ({}^A_B T)^{-1}$

Option 1: Explicitly invert the matrix, i.e., ${}^B_A T = ({}^A_B T)^{-1}$

Option 2: Using the knowledge on the structure ${}^B_A T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^B_A R & {}^B P_{A\text{ org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- As previously seen ${}^B_A R = {}^A_B R^T$
- Making $C \equiv A$ in ${}^A P_{C\text{ org}} = {}^A_B R {}^B P_{C\text{ org}} + {}^A P_{B\text{ org}}$ yields

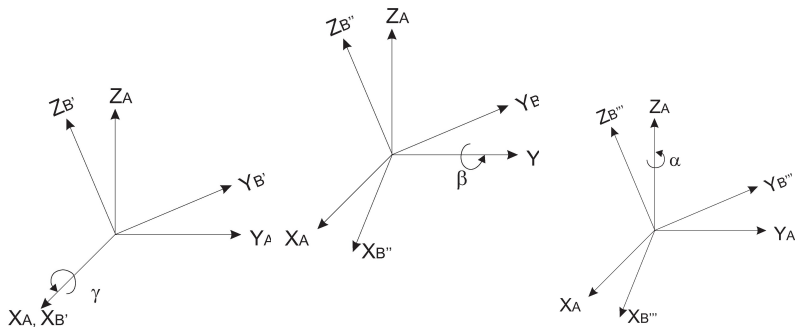
$$0 = {}^A_B R {}^B P_{A\text{ org}} + {}^A P_{B\text{ org}}$$

$$- {}^A P_{B\text{ org}} = {}^A_B R {}^B P_{A\text{ org}}$$

$${}^B P_{A\text{ org}} = - {}^A_B R^T {}^A P_{B\text{ org}}$$

and hence ${}^B_A T = \begin{bmatrix} {}^A_B R^T & - {}^A_B R^T {}^A P_{B\text{ org}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Rotations around fixed axis (angles $X - Y - Z$)



$${}^A P_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) \\ 0 & \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) \end{bmatrix} {}^A P$$

$${}^A P_{B''} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta) & 0 & \sin(\beta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\beta) & 0 & \cos(\beta) \end{bmatrix} {}^A P_{B'}$$

$${}^A P_{B'''} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^A P_{B''}$$

Rotations around fixed axis (angles $X - Y - Z$)

The sequence of transformations is described by the product (note that the input and output frames are the same)

$${}^A P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta) & 0 & \sin(\beta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\beta) & 0 & \cos(\beta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) \\ 0 & \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) \end{bmatrix} {}^A P_1$$

that is ${}^A R_{X-Y-Z}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta & c_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & c_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma + s_\alpha s_\gamma \\ s_\alpha c_\beta & s_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma - c_\alpha s_\gamma \\ -s_\beta & c_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta c_\gamma \end{bmatrix}$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_\alpha &= \cos(\alpha) \\ s_\alpha &= \sin(\alpha) \\ c_\beta &= \cos(\beta) \\ s_\beta &= \sin(\beta) \\ c_\gamma &= \cos(\gamma) \\ s_\gamma &= \sin(\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underbrace{{}^A P_2} = {}^A R_{X-Y-Z}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) \underbrace{{}^A P_1}$$

point
after
the
rotation

point
before
the
rotation

Rotation around fixed axis: Order of rotations

... and if the sequence of rotations is not $X - Y - Z$?

Check what happens when the 1st rotation takes place around X and the 2nd goes around Y ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha & -s_\alpha & 0 \\ s_\alpha & c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\beta & 0 & s_\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\beta & 0 & c_\beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta & -s_\alpha & c_\alpha s_\beta \\ s_\alpha c_\beta & c_\alpha & s_\alpha s_\beta \\ -s_\beta & 0 & c_\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

and compare when the rotation sequence is reversed

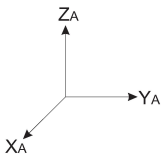
$$\begin{bmatrix} c_\beta & 0 & s_\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\beta & 0 & c_\beta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha & -s_\alpha & 0 \\ s_\alpha & c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_\beta c_\alpha & -c_\beta s_\alpha & s_\beta \\ s_\alpha & c_\alpha & 0 \\ -s_\beta c_\alpha & -s_\beta s_\alpha & c_\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

... and conclude that the rotation sequence is important (recall that matrix product is non commutative) (note that in any case the result is a rotation matrix ...)

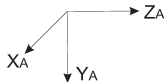
Rotation around fixed axis – Non uniqueness

– Example

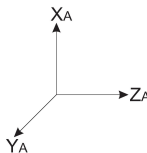
The set of fixed angles $X - Y - Z$ representing the orientation of a reference frame is not unique



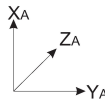
Rotations:



$R_X(-\frac{\pi}{2})$



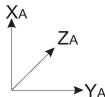
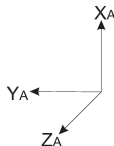
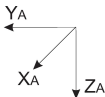
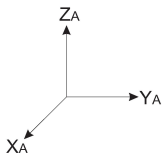
$R_Y(-\frac{\pi}{2})$



$R_Z(\frac{\pi}{2})$

Rotation around fixed axis – Non uniqueness

– Example



Rotations:

$$R_X(\pi)$$

$$R_Y(-\frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$R_Z(\pi)$$

... 2 rotation sequences yield the same orientation

How many configurations for each orientations ?

See ahead

Rotation around fixed axis – Alternative conventions

What are the possible alternatives ?

Convention	Yes/No	Convention	Yes/No	Convention	Yes/No
$X - X - X$	×	$X - X - Y$	×	$X - X - Z$	×
$X - Y - X$		$X - Y - Y$	×	$X - Y - Z$	
$X - Z - X$		$X - Z - Y$		$X - Z - Z$	×
$Y - X - X$	×	$Y - X - Y$		$Y - X - Z$	
$Y - Y - X$	×	$Y - Y - Y$	×	$Y - Y - Z$	×
$Y - Z - X$		$Y - Z - Y$		$Y - Z - Z$	×
$Z - X - X$	×	$Z - X - Y$		$Z - X - Z$	
$Z - Y - X$		$Z - Y - Y$	×	$Z - Y - Z$	
$Z - Z - X$	×	$Z - Z - Y$	×	$Z - Z - Z$	×

- There are 27 possible conventions of which only 12 are admissible
- A convention is admissible iff it is possible to determine 3 independent angles (which does not happen when there are consecutive rotations around the same axis)

Fixed angles $X - Y - Z$: Inverse problem I

Given a rotation matrix ${}^A R_{X-Y-Z}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ determine α, β e γ

By inspection

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \pm \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2} = c_\beta \\ r_{31} = -s_\beta \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \beta = \text{atan2} \left(-r_{31}, \pm \sqrt{r_{11}^2 + r_{21}^2} \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r_{11} = c_\alpha c_\beta \\ r_{21} = s_\alpha c_\beta \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \alpha = \text{atan2} \left(\frac{r_{21}}{c_\beta}, \frac{r_{11}}{c_\beta} \right), \quad \text{if } c_\beta \neq 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r_{32} = c_\beta s_\gamma \\ r_{33} = c_\beta c_\gamma \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \gamma = \text{atan2} \left(\frac{r_{32}}{c_\beta}, \frac{r_{33}}{c_\beta} \right), \quad \text{if } c_\beta \neq 0$$

Fixed angles $X - Y - Z$: Inverse problem II

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{When } \cos(\beta) = 0, \sin(\beta) = \pm 1 & \begin{array}{ll} r_{12} = \pm \sin(\gamma \mp \alpha) & r_{13} = \cos(\gamma \mp \alpha) \\ r_{22} = \cos(\gamma \mp \alpha) & r_{23} = \pm \sin(\gamma \mp \alpha) \end{array} \end{array}$$

and hence it is possible to determine $\gamma \mp \alpha$

By convention,

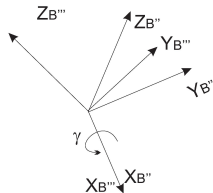
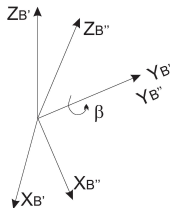
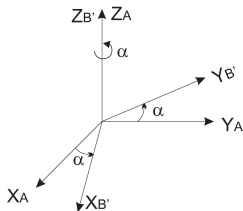
$$\text{If } \beta = \pi/2 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 0 \\ \gamma = \text{atan2}(r_{12}, r_{22}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Se } \beta = -\pi/2 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 0 \\ \gamma = -\text{atan2}(r_{12}, r_{22}) \end{array} \right.$$

Fixed angles $X - Y - Z$: Inverse problem III

- The case seen before of non-uniqueness of the α, β, γ is an example of $\beta = \pm\pi/2, \alpha \pm \gamma = 0$
- Whenever $\beta \neq \pm\pi/2$ there are 2 solutions for α, β, γ

Rotations around moving axis (Euler angles Z – Y – X)



$${}^{B'}P = {}^{B'}_{B''}R_Y {}^{B''}P$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^AP &= {}^A_{B'}R_Z {}^{B'}P \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^{B'}P \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta) & 0 & \sin(\beta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\beta) & 0 & \cos(\beta) \end{bmatrix} {}^{B''}P \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{B''}P &= {}^{B''}_{B'''}R_X {}^{B'''}P \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) \\ 0 & \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) \end{bmatrix} {}^{B'''}P \end{aligned}$$

Rotations around moving axis (Euler angles $Z - Y - X$)

Concatenating the rotations (note that the input and output frames are different)

$${}^A P = {}^A_{B'} R_Z {}^{B'}_{B''} R_Y {}^{B''}_{B'''} R_X {}^{B'''} P = {}^A_{B'''} R_{ZYX}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) {}^{B'''} P$$

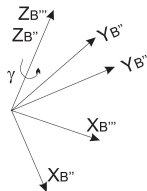
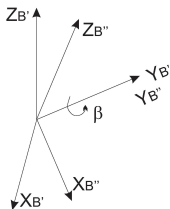
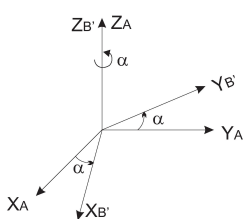
$${}^A_{B'''} R_{ZYX}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta & c_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & c_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma + s_\alpha s_\gamma \\ s_\alpha c_\beta & s_\alpha s_\beta s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\beta c_\gamma - c_\alpha s_\gamma \\ -s_\beta & c_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta c_\gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

Conclusion 1: Fixed angles $X - Y - Z$ yields a rotation matrix identical to Euler angles $Z - Y - X$

Note: The meaning of the angles is, of course, different between the two conventions

Conclusion 2: The inverse problem for Euler angles $Z - Y - X$ has the same solution of the fixed angles $X - Y - Z$ inverse problem

Rotations around moving axis (Euler angles Z – Y – Z)



$${}^A P = {}^{A_{B'}} R_Z {}^{B'} P$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) & 0 \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^{B'} P$$

$${}^{B'} P = {}^{B'_{B''}} R_Y {}^{B''} P$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\beta) & 0 & \sin(\beta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin(\beta) & 0 & \cos(\beta) \end{bmatrix} {}^{B''} P$$

$${}^{B''} P = {}^{B''_{B'''}} R_Z {}^{B'''} P$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & -\sin(\gamma) & 0 \\ \sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} {}^{B'''} P$$

Rotations around moving axis (Euler angles $Z - Y - Z$)

The composition of the 3 transformations yields

$${}^A P = {}^A_{B'} R_Z {}^{B'}_{B''} R_Y {}^{B''}_{B'''} R_Z {}^{B'''} P = {}^A_{B'''} R_{ZYZ}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) {}^{B'''} P$$

$${}^A_{B'''} R_{ZYZ}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma - s_\alpha s_\gamma & -c_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & c_\alpha s_\beta \\ s_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\gamma & -s_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\beta \\ -s_\beta c_\gamma & s_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler angles Z – Y – Z: Inverse problem

The solution follows from using the same technique of previous cases

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma - s_\alpha s_\gamma & -c_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & c_\alpha s_\beta \\ s_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\gamma & -s_\alpha c_\beta s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\beta \\ -s_\beta c_\gamma & s_\beta s_\gamma & c_\beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly

$$\gamma = \text{atan2}(r_{32}, -r_{31}) \quad \text{if } s_\beta > 0$$

$$\gamma = \text{atan2}(-r_{32}, r_{31}) \quad \text{if } s_\beta < 0$$

$$\beta = \text{atan2}\left(\pm\sqrt{r_{13}^2 + r_{23}^2}, r_{33}\right) = \text{atan2}\left(\pm\sqrt{r_{31}^2 + r_{32}^2}, r_{33}\right)$$

$$\alpha = \text{atan2}(r_{23}, r_{13}) \quad \text{if } s_\beta > 0$$

$$\alpha = \text{atan2}(-r_{23}, -r_{13}) \quad \text{if } s_\beta < 0$$

Euler angles $Z - Y - Z$: Inverse problem I

If $s_\beta = 0$ then $c_\beta = \pm 1$.

Assuming $c_\beta = 1$ comes for the rotation matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_\alpha c_\gamma - s_\alpha s_\gamma & -c_\alpha s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & 0 \\ s_\alpha c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\gamma & -s_\alpha s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\alpha\gamma} & -s_{\alpha\gamma} & 0 \\ s_{\alpha\gamma} & c_{\alpha\gamma} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = \text{atan2}(r_{21}, r_{11}) \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha + \gamma = \text{atan2}(-r_{12}, r_{22}) \quad \text{or}$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = \text{atan2}(r_{21}, r_{22}) \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha + \gamma = \text{atan2}(-r_{12}, r_{11})$$

Euler angles $Z - Y - Z$: Inverse problem II

Using $c_\beta = -1$ yields for the rotation matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -c_\alpha c_\gamma - s_\alpha s_\gamma & c_\alpha s_\gamma - s_\alpha c_\gamma & 0 \\ -s_\alpha c_\gamma + c_\alpha s_\gamma & s_\alpha s_\gamma + c_\alpha c_\gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\cos(\alpha - \gamma) & -\sin(\alpha - \gamma) & 0 \\ -\sin(\alpha - \gamma) & \cos(\alpha - \gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} =$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha - \gamma = \text{atan2}(-r_{21}, -r_{11}) \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha - \gamma = \text{atan2}(-r_{12}, r_{22}) \quad \text{or}$$

$$\alpha - \gamma = \text{atan2}(-r_{21}, r_{22}) \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha - \gamma = \text{atan2}(-r_{12}, -r_{11})$$